

# SENATE WATCH

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# FINAL PASSAGE

## SB 57 (Bishop)

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 57 would allow the DEQ director to issue an emergency order to prohibit the transportation of solid waste if both apply: a) the import of the solid waste poses a public health threat, safety threat, or threat to the environment, and b) the director determines that the waste must be restricted in order to minimize or eliminate the threat.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, Mich. Township Assoc., Mich. Assoc. Counties, Mich. Farm Bureau, Mich. Municipal League.

Opposed: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, Mich. Manufacturers Assoc.

- Committee 1 (S-3) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 57 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 57 passed [RC 458: 36 yes, 0 no].

## **SB 98 (BRATER)**

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 98 would require solid waste from outside of the state to meet at least one of the following requirements: 1) The materials are homogeneous solid waste - other than municipal incinerator ash – and meet the requirements for disposal in a Michigan landfill. 2) The materials were received through a materials recovery facility, transfer station, or other facility that has removed from the waste the items that are prohibited from being disposed in a landfill in Michigan and *this action has been documented*. 3) The country, state, province, or local jurisdiction is included on the list compiled by the DEQ (the list is provided for in SB 502) which contains information regarding countries, states, provinces, and local jurisdictions that prohibit from their landfills a list at least as stringent as those prohibited from Michigan's landfills (the list is contained in SB 498).

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, Mich. Township Assoc., Mich. Assoc. Counties, Mich. Farm Bureau, Mich. Municipal League.

Opposed: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, Mich. Manufacturers Assoc.

• Committee 1 (S-3) was adopted [no RC].

- SB 98 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 98 passed [RC 459: 36 yes, 0 no].

## **SB 497 (THOMAS)**

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 497 would add the definition of beverage container to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA). The addition of the definition allows for beverage containers to be banned from Michigan land fills in a later bill in the package.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, Mich. Township Assoc., Mich. Assoc. Counties, Mich. Farm Bureau, Mich. Municipal League.

Opposed: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, Mich. Manufacturers Assoc.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 497 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 497 passed [RC 460: 36 yes, 0 no].

## SB 498 (Birkholz)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 498 would ban the following items from Michigan land fills from being knowingly discarded, delivered or disposed of in a landfill: medical waste, beverage containers, whole motor vehicle tires, and yard clippings. SB 498 would ban the following items from Michigan land fills (this is a stronger legal standard) from being discarded, delivered or disposed of in a landfill: used oil, lead acid batteries, low-level radioactive waste, hazardous waste, liquid waste, sewage, PCBs, and asbestos waste.

SB 498 would remove language from statute that required landfill owners to refuse solid waste from a county, municipality, or state facility that the owner of the landfill "knows or should know that solid waste to be disposed of includes yard clippings".

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, Mich. Township Assoc., Mich. Assoc. Counties, Mich. Farm Bureau, Mich. Municipal League.

Opposed: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, Mich. Manufacturers Assoc.

- Committee 1 (S-6) was adopted [no RC].
- Patterson 1A was defeated [no RC]. This would have added political yard signs and issue advocacy yard signs as items banned from landfills.
- SB 498 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- Patterson 1 was defeated [no RC]. This would have added political yard signs and issue advocacy yard signs as items banned from landfills.
- SB 498 passed [RC 461: 36 yes, 0 no].

## SB 499 (Sanborn)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 499 would establish a statewide solid waste inspection program. The program would: assure all disposal areas are in compliance, provide for inspection of solid waste disposal areas at least 4 times per year, and assure that all persons disposing of solid waste are in compliance.

As part of the inspection program, the DEQ and State Police would be able to conduct regular, random inspections of waste being transported.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, Mich. Township Assoc., Mich. Assoc. Counties, Mich. Farm Bureau, Mich. Municipal League.

Opposed: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, Mich. Manufacturers Assoc.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 499 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 499 passed [RC 462: 35 yes, 1 no (Kuipers)].

## SB 500 (OLSHOVE)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 500 would create state civil infractions for specific violations and create a civil fine for a second violation of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) at not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 500 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 500 passed [RC 463: 34 yes, 2 no (Cropsey, Kuipers)].

## SB 502 (Cassis)

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 502 would require the DEQ to: notify each state and province of Canada that Michigan has banned certain materials from our waste stream (see SB 498), compile a list of counties, states, provinces, and local jurisdictions that meet our prohibitions, and provide that list to each landfill.

Any country, state, province or local jurisdiction that wishes to be included may supply the DEQ with documentation that outlines their prohibitions.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, Mich. Township Assoc., Mich. Assoc. Counties, Mich. Farm Bureau, Mich. Municipal League.

Opposed: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, Mich. Manufacturers Assoc.

- Committee 1 (S-3) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 502 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 502 passed [RC 464: 36 yes, 0 no].

## SB 505 (Patterson)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 505 would require solid waste haulers to notify their customers of items that are prohibited from disposal and options for appropriate disposal as posted on the DEQ website.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, Mich. Township Assoc., Mich. Assoc. Counties, Mich. Farm Bureau, Mich. Municipal League.

Opposed: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, Mich. Manufacturers Assoc.

- Committee 1 (S-4) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 505 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 505 passed [RC 465: 35 yes, 1 no (Cropsey)].

## SB 506 (Patterson)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 506 would prohibit the department from issuing landfill construction permits received after January 1, 2004 and before January 1, 2006. Special permit may be approved for expansion if the applicant can prove that the landfill has less than 3 years of capacity. SB 506 would require a report from the DEQ providing recommendations for amending the solid waste planning and disposal area siting provisions.

- Committee 1 (S-7) was adopted [no RC].
- Jelinek 1A was withdrawn.
- Jelinek 1B was adopted [no RC]. This would add reporting requirements for landfill capacity and expansion currently provided for in a county solid waste plan in which a substantial investment has already been made.
- SB 506 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 506 passed [RC 466: 33 yes, 3 no (Cropsey, Prusi, Switalski)].

## **SB 557 (BRATER)**

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 557 would require the reports submitted yearly by the landfill owners to include the amount of remaining disposal capacity at the landfill. The DEQ would be required to report to the legislature annually summarizing the information.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 557 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 557 passed [RC 467: 36 yes, 0 no].

## SB 568 (Patterson)

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: WATER POLLUTION

<u>Senate Bill 568</u> would allow for a \$10,000 award to be given to a person who provides information that contributes to the assessment of a civil fine for environmental violations. Support: MEC, Sierra Club.

10/7:

- Patterson 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC]. This require that any person who knowingly gives false information will pay the expenses incurred by the department and the expenses incurred by the person whom the information was used against.
- Senate Bill 568 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

#### 10/8:

- BRATER 1 (1 amend) was adopted [RC 449: 21 yes, 15 no]. This changed the punitive portion of the bill a person who knowingly gave false information would only be held liable if they did it in order to receive the financial reward. Hammerstrom moved to reconsider passage of the Brater amendment. This motion passed [no RC].
- Hammerstrom then moved to pass the bill for the day. This motion also passed [no RC]. SB 568 was passed for the day.

10/9:

## SB 710 (Johnson)

Senate Bill 710 would delete a January 1, 2004 sunset on the safe delivery program. That program is required to include a toll-free, 24-hour telephone line, which must provide information regarding prenatal care and newborn delivery; pregnancy-related support and counseling services; adoption options; counseling resources and crisis management assistance; and legal and procedural requirements for voluntarily surrendering a newborn.

• SB 710 passed [RC 457: 35 yes, 0 no].

## SB 715 (Gilbert)

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

SB 715 would seek that each county's solid waste management plan include an enforcement provision to assure that prohibitions are being met.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 715 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- Brown 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. Permissive language, not mandatory compliance of reporting provision.
- SB 715 passed [RC 468: 35 yes, 1 no (Kuipers)].

## HB 4599 (Richardville)

House Bill 4599 would repeal local acts which prohibit hunting on Sunday in Tuscola, Lenawee, Hillsdale, and St. Clair County on lands that belong to another person. Support: DNR, MI Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, MUCC, Hunting Dog Federation.

## 10/7:

- *Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].*
- Basham 2 (S-2) was defeated [no RC]. This would require local voter approval before these hunting bans are repealed.
- HB 4599 was moved to  $3^{rd}$  Reading.

## 10/9:

• HB 4599 passed with IE [RC: yes, no].

## HB 4601 (Gaffney)

House Bill 4601 gives expanded opportunities to challenge signatures on election petitions. Support: Michigan Municipal League, Secretary of State. Administration is neutral. Board of Canvassers.

• HB 4601 passed with IE [RC 456: 34 yes, 0 no].

# RESOLUTIONS

## SR 4 (Patterson)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to give states the authority to ban out-of-state solid waste.

• SR 4 was adopted [RC].

## SR 12 (Cassis)

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to authorize states to prohibit or restrict foreign municipal solid waste and to urge the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure full compliance with the trans-boundary hazardous waste agreement with Canada.

• SR 12 was adopted [RC].

## **SR 167 (BASHAM)**

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: SOLID WASTE PACKAGE

A resolution to express the sense of the Michigan Senate that local and state governments should play larger roles in solid waste management decisions to protect public health and the environment and to memorialize the Congress of the United States to extend this authority to the states.

• SR 167 was adopted [RC].